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Letter dated 13 January 2011 from the Chargé d' affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Guyana has decided to formally recognize the State of Palestine. Transmitted herewith is the statement issued on 13 January by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guyana informing of the decision (see annex).

It would be appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 36 and 37, and of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Government of Guyana in recognition of the State of Palestine

13 January 2011

The Government of Guyana has today decided to formally recognize the State of Palestine as a free, independent, and sovereign State, based on its 1967 borders.

This decision is in keeping with Guyana's long-standing and unwavering solidarity with, and commitment to, the just and legitimate aspirations of the people of Palestine for the exercise of their right to self-determination and to achieve a homeland of their own, independent, free, prosperous and at peace, and our advocacy over the years for a two-State solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with the people of Israel and Palestine living side by side in their free and independent countries in peace, prosperity and harmony and within secure and internationally recognized borders.

It is Guyana's hope that the increasing recognition of the State of Palestine will contribute to a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the creation of lasting peace and stability in the region.